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Minutes of the sixth meeting of the

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1. Attendance

a. Presidents: Bishop E. Berggrav
Pastor M. Boegner

b. Members: Archbishop Y. Brilioth
The Bishop of Chichester
Professor G. Florovsky
Dr. Franklin C. Fry
Dr. Kenneth Grubb
Dr. A. Koechlin
Dr. M. Niemöller
Dr. G. A. Sisco
Mrs. Leslie Swain
Principal T. M. Taylor

c. Substitute: Professor H. Alivisatos (for Metropolitan Panteleimon)

d. Consultants: Mr. George Lombard
Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen

e. Staff: The Rev. R. S. Bilheimer
Dr. N. Ehrenström
Dr. Henry Smith Leiper
Dr. R. C. Mackie
Dr. Rajah B. Manikam
Dr. O. F. Nolde
Mr. Frank Northam
Dr. C. W. Ranson
The Rev. O. S. Tomkins
Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft

2. Presiding The Bishop of Chichester, Chairman, and Dr. Franklin C. Fry, Vice-Chairman

3. Worship

The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer. Other services of worship were held daily in the morning and evening for the Executive Committee and the Study Department Committee.

4. Programme and Agenda of the Central Committee, 1951

a. Programme

The General Secretary indicated the outline of the programme of the week, which would be followed at the discretion of the Chairman. This was felt to be satisfactory.

Archbishop Brilioth raised the question as to whether it would be helpful, at future meetings of the Central Committee, to have an address on some theological or biblical subject with a view to providing the necessary spiritual nourishment which tended to be lacking in meetings largely concerned with business. It was felt that this was a matter of importance which should be considered by the Executive Committee in making plans for future meetings of the Central Committee.

b. Agenda

The General Secretary indicated that this meeting of the Central Committee would be remarkably well attended. The meeting would begin with an opening session on Saturday night. On Sunday the Committee would be the guests of the Church and State authorities of the Canton of Vaud, returning for an evening session.

With regard to the main themes, it was decided to take "The Missionary and Ecumenical Calling of the Church" on Sunday evening. This would be introduced by Dr. Koechlin and Dr. Goodall. After a preliminary discussion, the document would be passed on to a sub-committee. When the sub-committee gave its report, the document might then be passed on to the I.M.C. for future consideration.

It was decided that on Monday evening Mr. Victor Hayward should report on China, and Dr. Rajah Manikam on South-Eastern Asia. On Wednesday morning "The Responsibility of the Churches and the World Council in Time of Tension" would be introduced by the Chairman and Bishop Berggrav. These two sessions would be closed to the press, with visitors permitted to attend at the discretion of the Chairman and General Secretary.

c. Sub-Committees

The following sub-committees for the meeting of the Central Committee were proposed by the General Secretary and after discussion it was

AGREED to recommend to the Central Committee that the following sub-committees and officers be appointed:-

(i) Finance

Dr. Franklin C. Fry, Chairman
Mr. Frank Northam, Secretary

(ii) Nominations

Professor H. S. Alivisatos, Chairman
Dr. N. Ehrenström, Secretary

(iii) Missionary and Ecumenical Calling of the Church

Bishop Lesslie Newbigin, Chairman
Dr. Hans Hoekendijk, Secretary

(iv) Reappraisal of the Organization and Structure of the World Council

Principal T. M. Taylor, Chairman
Dr. Robert C. Mackie) Secretaries
Mr. O. S. Tomkins)

(v) Second Assembly

Bishop Angus Dun, Chairman
Mr. Robert Bilheimer, Secretary

(vi) Press Committee

Dr. Gordon Sisco, Chairman
Dr. Henry Leiper, Secretary

(vii) Inter-Church Aid

Dr. G. W. Buckner, Jr., Chairman
Dr. Robert C. Mackie, Secretary

d. Conversations on Peace

Dr. Boegner reported on the desire of the Synod of the French Reformed Church that an exchange of views on peace should be arranged between the Moscow Patriarchate, the Vatican and the World Council. The Chairman reported on informal conversations which he and others had had with Mr. Myron Taylor. Mr. Taylor was interested in the possibility of a joint statement on peace by the Vatican and the World Council. No practical developments had arisen. Further, a statement had appeared in the press in which the Moscow Patriarchate and certain other Orthodox Churches had suggested that all Christian Churches should unite for peace, and which particularly named the United States as aggressor.

There followed a discussion in which it was realized that the World Council was made to look indifferent by specious peace propaganda, and that some specific action must be taken. In reality there were two complementary actions constantly required: the prevention of war and the promotion of peace. The W.C.C. had been active on both lines through the C.C.I.A. as well as directly.

It was decided that the Chairman should introduce a paragraph into his report from the Executive Committee to the Central Committee, in which he should refer to the continuous action of the W.C.C. and the C.C.I.A. for the prevention of peace. He should then explain that the W.C.C. would be willing to discuss the possibility of a meeting of the leaders of the Christian Churches in the world on the question of peace, if there were any hope of productive results. It was absolutely clear that the possibility of such a meeting at the present time was completely illusory.

The Chairman read the draft of the section of the report from the Executive Committee which dealt with the question of peace in the light of the discussion which had been held in the C.C.I.A. and in the Executive Committee itself. After certain suggestions had been made and minor alterations carried out this section of his report was approved by the Executive Committee.

e. Other Matters

It was also

AGREED that in his report for the Executive Committee the Bishop of Chichester would suggest a memorial minute to the Central Committee for the following who have died since the last meeting:-

Archbishop Germanos
Dr. William B. Pugh
Archbishop Lehtonen
Rev. Henry Carter
Rev. Theodore M. Greene
Rev. E. Luka

5. The Presidium

a. Meeting in London

The Chairman referred to the meeting of the Presidents of the W.C.C., together with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee and the General Secretary, which had been held in London immediately after the Bièvres meeting of the Executive Committee. Dr. Boegner and Bishop Berggrav spoke of the very useful discussions which had taken place, and of the privilege of being present as fellow-Presidents at the funeral of Archbishop Germanos.

b. Resignation of Professor T. C. Chao

The General Secretary presented a letter from Professor T. C. Chao, received in May, intimating his resignation as a President, and from all committees of the World Council of Churches. It was decided that this letter should go to the Central Committee for acceptance. It was suggested that, in writing to Professor T. C. Chao with the official acknowledgement of the Central Committee. the General Secretary should indicate points where Professor Chao had misunderstood the position of the World Council, and should express the hope that the difference between Professor Chao and the World Council would one day be removed.

In this connection the General Secretary reported that another Chinese member of the Central Committee, Bishop W. Y. Chen of the Methodist Church, was now in prison.

c. Nomination of two Presidents

After thorough discussion it was

AGREED to nominate to the Central Committee as Presidents of the World Council of Churches as successor to Archbishop Germanos, Archbishop Athenagoras, Metropolitan of Thyateira and, as successor to Dr. T. C. Chao, Miss Sarah Chakko of India; and to report these nominations to the Central Committee with the announcement that a vote would be taken at a subsequent time during the Central Committee meeting.

d. Whitsunday Message

The Presidents' message, drawn up by Bishop Berggrav, had been cordially welcomed, especially by smaller and more isolated Churches. The Conference of U.S.A. Member Churches had requested that the Whitsunday message should be made available several months earlier so that it could find its proper place in church publicity. It was decided to pass this request on to the Presidents for their consideration.

6. Meetings of the Central Committee and Executive Committee in 1952 and 1953

a. Central Committee 1952-53

The General Secretary reported that from four different sources in India he had received messages of welcome to the Central Committee. After discussion it was

AGREED to confirm the decision of the Executive Committee at Bièvres to recommend to the Central Committee that it meet in India in 1952; to recommend that the meeting be held at the Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow; and to recommend as dates for the meeting the 31st of December 1952 to January 9th 1953.

It was further

AGREED to suggest that this should be a regular meeting of the Central Committee, lasting for a longer time than usual, with special efforts to secure representation from Member Churches in Asia in a consultative capacity as provided by the Constitution. It was further suggested that the attention of the Churches in the West should be drawn to that clause in the Constitution which provides for substitutes for Central Committee members.

b. Executive Committee 1952-53

The following dates for Executive Committee meetings were then confirmed:-

1952	February 4 - 8	Lambeth Palace
	August 11 - 13	Denmark
	December 29 - 30	India
1953	August 3 - 8	Germany

7. Second Assembly

a. Commission of Twenty-Five

At the request of the Chairman, Father Florovsky presented the report of the Commission of Twenty-Five, explaining its structure and commenting first upon the proposal of the Commission for the theme of the Assembly. The wording of this theme had been reached after considerable difficulty, the question arising, on the one hand, as to whether "hope" means the expectation of the Second Coming of Christ in an ultimate and exclusive sense, or whether "hope" is derived from faith in the present Christ. The essential problem involved the achievement of balance between these convictions. The present theme

was not unanimously agreed to in the Commission but is the form which commanded greatest agreement. The reference to the crucified Lord is a reference to the historical Christ as well as to the coming Lord who has accomplished salvation for mankind. In addition, the crucifixion calls attention to the way of the Church involving suffering and self-renunciation and thus guards against unwarranted optimism. It was felt also that there is healthy and arresting tension in the juxtaposition of the terms "crucified" and "Lord". There was difficulty also in the Commission in reference to the rôle of doctrine and theology, a difference of opinion existing as to the place of doctrine in defining and clarifying the ground of our unity.

In spite of very real difficulties within the Commission, and indeed because of them, members were eminently satisfied with the meeting, feeling that it was a deep and fruitful experience. The Commission desires to hold two more meetings prior to the Assembly - one in 1952 and another in 1953.

Dr. Visser 't Hooft, commenting also upon the Commission, indicated the sense of great privilege felt by members of the Commission at having been placed in a deep and moving ecumenical experience. A large debt is owed to Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, with whom the entire conception originated, and who guided the first meeting. Dr. Van Dusen did not wish to continue as Chairman, and upon his resignation the Commission recommended to the Executive and Central Committees that Bishop Lesslie Newbigin be elected as Chairman of the Commission.

In reference to the Commission's report, it is clear that those who have not been at the meeting will doubtless have difficulty in working their way into the substance and spirit of the document. It is our hope that we can somehow convey the fact that this document represents a considerable ecumenical achievement, especially in its beginning discovery of the right way in which to speak of Christian hope. This in fact was the whole point of the discussion, namely, how we may find a right focus as between future expectation and present responsibility in our message of hope.

Three specific points have been raised in the report of the Commission: the place of the Assembly; the desire for a meeting of the Commission in 1952; and the suggestions for the future work of the Commission.

In reference to the place of the Assembly, Dr. Visser 't Hooft indicated that the matter had arisen several times in the meeting of the Commission, and that it had been discussed, but not fully. In the light of this it seems imperative that the Executive Committee should provide for a full discussion on the place of the next Assembly in the Central Committee.

In discussion the following points were brought out:

The Bishop of Chichester commented that although the present brief statement is exceedingly well done, it does nevertheless differ considerably from what one might expect as a development of the Toronto theme. First, the Central Committee had emphasized the relationship of the theme to the modern world and the present document is lacking at this point, particularly in reference to the importance of science, the general development of community in

modern society and the gulf between the language of the contemporary world and of the Church. In addition, the document gives evidence of a too heavy emphasis on the eschatological with insufficient emphasis on the meaning of God's work in history.

Mr. Grubb commented that the document suffers from a lack of clarity in knowing to whom we are speaking - whether to the church leaders who will be at the Assembly or to the man in the street - and that this difficulty will need to be resolved by the Commission. In addition, it is difficult to see at first reading how this document has arisen out of the theme decided upon by the Toronto meeting: this should be made clear as it is presented to the Central Committee. It is doubtful that hope and despair are the only alternatives; a great mass of people live in neither of these moods, but rather simply do not care.

Archbishop Brilioth enquired as to what should be done with the document, it being a highly compact statement. Persons who have not been in the discussions will have difficulty in fully understanding it and it is doubted whether Churches will be able to refer to it with much helpfulness.

Dr. Visser 't Hooft explained that this is not a draft of the final document, but rather a reflection of the present stage of the mind of the Commission. The relationship between the Toronto theme and this document is the word "hope". The position of the Commission is that we should think about hope in a biblical fashion. The Commission feels that hope is the right theme and that what is said in the document in general is the basis of what should be said about it. It was clear to the Commission that many Christians have really lost the full biblical conception of hope. In the sense that the document reflects the biblical message concerning hope it is not unbalanced. It is, however, unbalanced in that it maintains that it is this particular Christian message which must be spoken clearly today. The Commission hopes that the document will be accompanied by a full covering letter which will ask the Churches as to whether it is their desire to continue along this general line. It is hoped that the Churches will deal with this request in the same fashion as they have dealt with the document on ecclesiology.

In response to various questions, Dr. Van Dusen explained first that in regard to the proposed theme for the Assembly the Commission is not united within itself on the present proposal, but offers it as the one on which agreement was most nearly possible. The Commission hopes that the Central Committee will send the document out with a covering letter which would specifically ask for the guidance of the Churches as to the general direction of the present report. It would need to be indicated clearly that the report is not a first draft of the final statement but rather a first try at stating the present mind of the Commission. In regard to the balance of the document, section A seems at present to overbalance the other sections, but it is probable that in the final document the present sections B and C will be considerably expanded. It should be noted that the points raised, particularly by the Bishop of Chichester and Mr. Grubb, are all held by some members of the Commission, the most important issue within the Commission being as to whether the present eschatological orientation is not too strongly stressed.

Following this discussion it was

AGREED that the report of the Commission of Twenty-Five be referred to the Sub-Committee on the Assembly with the information that the Executive Committee has considered the report and would desire that it be sent out to the member Churches with a covering letter. (Note: a draft covering letter was drawn up and submitted to the Sub-Committee on the Assembly.)

b. Allocation of Seats

The General Secretary presented a preliminary document on the principles governing the allocation of seats at the forthcoming Assembly, and after discussion it was

AGREED to refer the proposal to the Sub-Committee on the Assembly with the inclusion of item "E" suggesting that older Churches having extensive membership in the lands of the younger Churches include persons from that membership within their quota, and "F" suggesting that before the allocation is finally determined there be consultation with National Councils of Churches and with the world confessional bodies with a view to securing their suggestions.

c. Secretariat of the Assembly

The General Secretary reported a proposal from Bishop Oxnam concerning the secretariat of the Second Assembly and after discussion it was

AGREED that Mr. Bilheimer should be the Executive Secretary of the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches, subject to confirmation of the decision that the Assembly meet in the U.S.A.

8. Applications for Membership

The General Secretary reported the following applications for membership:

a. From the Presbyterian Church in Formosa

It was reported that the application was supported by papers indicating that the Presbyterian Church in Formosa is in a suitable position for membership in the World Council and it was therefore

AGREED to recommend, subject to consultation with officers of the International Missionary Council, to the Central Committee that the application of the Presbyterian Church in Formosa for membership in the World Council of Churches be accepted.

b. From the Liberal Catholic Church in the United States

The General Secretary reported the application of the Liberal Catholic Church in the United States. It was

AGREED that the Executive Committee does not recommend favourable action by the Central Committee on the application of the Liberal Catholic Church in the United States for membership in the World Council of Churches.

c. Lusitanian Church in Portugal

Dr. Mackie reported that at the time of the Amsterdam Assembly the application of this Church for membership had been refused on the grounds that it was ecclesiastically dependent upon the Anglican Church in Ireland, but that certain developments had made it legitimate to consider the matter again. After discussion it was

AGREED that the staff should be instructed to investigate the status of the Lusitanian Church in Portugal.

The General Secretary reported informally that relationships with the Orthodox Church in Yugoslavia and the Russian Orthodox Church in the United States were very cordial and that there are indications that applications for membership may be forthcoming from these Churches in the future.

9. Basis of the World Council of Churches

After brief discussion it was

AGREED that in reference to the basis of the World Council of Churches the Bièvres action of the Executive Committee be reported to the Central Committee and that following a brief introduction of the matter, there be such discussion as may be desirable.

10. Representation at the meetings of the World's YWCA and the United Bible Societies

It was AGREED to ask Miss Sarah Chakko to represent the W.C.C., in addition to her other capacities, at the Executive Committee of the World's YWCA in Beirut at the end of September.

It was AGREED to ask Miss Jean Fraser to represent the W.C.C. at the Council Meeting of the United Bible Societies to be held in India at the beginning of February 1952.

11. Second letter from M. Joliot-Curie

Mr. Grubb presented the advice of the Executive Committee of the C.C.I.A. to the Executive Committee concerning the reply of M. Joliot-Curie, and after a long discussion on the question of a possible enclosure with the reply, and as to whether informal conference with M. Joliot-Curie is desirable, and on the authorship of the reply, it was

AGREED that the Executive Committee ask the C.C.I.A. to reply to the letter from M. Joliot-Curie, indicating that it does so at the request of the Presidents of the W.C.C., referring to the previous letter from the Presidents to Mr. Joliot-Curie, and indicating the policy of the C.C.I.A. of readiness to elucidate its position.

12. The National Committee of Yugoslavia for the Defence of Peace

Dr. Visser 't Hooft explained that he had received a letter addressed to the W.C.C. from the National Committee of Yugoslavia for the Defence of Peace, inviting representation from the W.C.C. at a prospective meeting, and that he had referred it to the C.C.I.A. After discussion, it was

AGREED that upon the advice of the Executive Committee of the C.C.I.A., the invitation should not be accepted, but that careful attention should be paid to the tone of the reply, an indication to be contained in it that it is understood that individual Christians are planning to attend the prospective meeting.

13. Delegation to South Africa

The General Secretary reviewed the situation, which is that letters of enquiry went last fall concerning a multiracial delegation from the World Council to South Africa; that on the whole the English-speaking Churches had responded favourably although some had indicated that such a delegation, although acceptable, would be unwise; that the Transvaal Church and the Dutch Churches had replied in the negative concerning a multiracial delegation; that the matter must therefore, by the terms of the Toronto action of the Central Committee, be put before the Central Committee.

Two suggestions had arisen in the meantime (i) that a number of South African church leaders be invited to a meeting with members of the W.C.C. constituency outside South Africa - perhaps in Europe - and that this might be done in connection with the preparatory work of the section on race for the next Assembly; and (ii) that a visit be undertaken by the General Secretaries of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council which would not be a delegation from the two bodies but which would rather take the form of a staff visit in the interests of ecumenical contact.

Mr. Ranson reported correspondence with the Christian Council of South Africa, indicating their desire that the delegation would come and would be multiracial, and indicating that it would be desirable to pave the way for the delegation by visits from officials of the W.C.C. and the I.M.C. In this connection, Mr. Ranson reported his own conviction as well as that of persons connected with the Christian Council of South Africa that a simultaneous visit by the General Secretaries of the two organizations would be less effective than visits separated in point of time.

After discussion it was

AGREED that the situation should be presented to the Central Committee without recommendation from the Executive Committee.

14. Study Department

The General Secretary reported that the meeting of the Study Committee, which had been going on at the same time as that of the Executive Committee, had apparently been a very good one. It was clear that the study proposals of the Department, which had been discussed at the Executive at Bièvres, would come forward to the Central Committee in a considerably altered form.

15. Faith and Order

Archbishop Brilioth spoke of the meeting of the Faith and Order Commission to be held at Clarens from the 14th of August in preparation for the conference at Lund in 1952. He indicated that there would not be much profit in having a prolonged discussion upon Faith and Order issues at this meeting of the Central Committee since the plans for the reorganization of Faith and Order were only in a tentative stage and should first be discussed by the organs of Faith and Order itself. It was, however,

AGREED that there should be an informal session at which any members of the Central Committee who cared to attend would be able to ask questions of the Faith and Order leaders present, but that this would not be an official meeting and therefore no official actions would be taken.

The question was raised as to the method of securing possible Roman Catholic observers at the Lund Conference. Archbishop Brilioth and Mr. Tomkins indicated that on the whole the precedent of Edinburgh 1937 would be used, according to which no official action would be taken but approaches from individual Roman Catholics - and indications are that certain people were likely to get permission to attend - could be met with personal invitations upon the discretion of Faith and Order officers.

It was AGREED that it would be in order for the Nominating Committee to nominate Archbishop Athenagoras, Metropolitan of Thyateira as a member of the Faith and Order Commission in place of Archbishop Germanos, subject to the later concurrence of the Commission itself.

16. Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees

It was AGREED that the presentation of the report of the Department should take place at an early stage in the Agenda of the Central Committee. Following that report, there would be a sub-committee meeting on four occasions, at which the programme of the Department would be fully explained and discussed, but from which no report or recommendations need come to the Central Committee. Dr. Mackie further pointed out that there might be certain questions with regard to the work for Palestinian refugees and the situation in Korea which he might wish to bring back to the Central Committee if, after informal consultation with various people present at the Central Committee, it seemed advisable to do so. He mentioned in particular the possibility of asking through the Finance Committee for permission to use some part of the Administration reserves of the Department for the budget of the new Executive Secretaryship for Refugees in the Near East.

17. Youth Department

The General Secretary reported that Miss Jean Fraser would not be able to be present at the Committee to present her report, owing to the fact that she was now recovering from a serious illness. The report would be given by Dr. Mackie. On the motion of Principal Taylor, it was

AGREED to send a message of sympathy and greetings to Miss Fraser from the members of the Executive Committee.

18. Ecumenical Institute

The General Secretary submitted a document on the proposed Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies. In discussion of this document two points were raised. The first had to do with the handling of accounts, and Mr. Northam would consult the auditors on this matter. The second had to do with the equivalence of theological degrees in relation to the diplomas which would be granted by the Graduate Institute. Mr. Lombard agreed to discuss this matter with Professor Courvoisier. The Committee expressed itself in hearty agreement with the general plan and approved it for submission to the Central Committee.

19. Life and Work of Women in the Church

The General Secretary reported the general position of the Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church, especially in reference to its staff. As planned, Miss Sarah Chakko had returned to India. Mrs. Bliss has not found it possible to accept the invitation of the Executive Committee to become Secretary of the Commission. She will, however, give some time to the Commission until a Secretary is found and for this a certain sliding arrangement of compensation is necessary. Mrs. Bliss has completed the book to be issued by the Commission and it is now in the hands of the publichers. Owing to the fact that Mrs. Bliss's refusal came late in the spring, it has been possible only to make tentative explorations in connection with a Secretary. Some names are in hand. After discussion, in which other names were suggested, it was

AGREED that the matter be referred to the Committee on Staff of the Executive Committee.

20. The Commission of the Churches on International Affairs

Dr. Grubb reported on the discussion which had taken place at the Executive Committee of the C.C.I.A. The main points would come up in the Central Committee. He especially referred to a statement by Dr. Heinemann on the situation in Germany, to which Professor Niebuhr was adding his comments with a view to providing a document which would become the basis of an interchange of opinion on this important subject.

Dr. Nolde presented two recommendations from the Executive Committee of the C.C.I.A. on administrative questions. The first dealt with the alteration of the regulations of C.C.I.A. with regard to the admission of an additional body in the basic membership and with regard to the representation of certain confessional bodies on the Commission and at enlarged meetings of the Executive. The second dealt with the election of members. It was

AGREED to recommend both proposals to the Central Committee for action.

21. Staff Appointments

a. It was AGREED to appoint for a further year the following members of staff:-

Mr. Paul Abrecht
Mr. Robert Bilheimer
Mr. Bernard Causton
Mr. Edgar Chandler
Mlle Suzanne de Diétrich
Mr. Alan Haigh
Mr. Hans Hoekendijk
Mr. Bengt Hoffman
Mr. Wolfgang Kordon
M. Dominique Micheli
Mr. Bengt-Thure Molander
Mr. Elfan Rees
Mr. James Ryberg
Mr. Wolfgang Schweitzer
Mr. Robert B. Tillman
Mr. Robert Tobias
Mr. Hans H. Walz
Mr. Alexandre de Weymarn

b. Dr. Mackie reported that preliminary correspondence and discussion was taking place with regard to the future character and staffing of the New York office of the Youth Department. It was therefore

AGREED to continue Mr. William Keys in his present post pending clarification of this question, and in the expectation that proposals for reorganization would be submitted to the Executive Committee in February, 1952.

c. The General Secretary reported that Dr. Schweitzer had been appointed a Privat-Dozent at the Theological Faculty of the University of Heidelberg. He had suggested certain arrangements for the fulfilment of his obligations at Heidelberg without adversely affecting his work for the Study Department. These were approved.

d. It was AGREED to approve the proposal of the Joint Committee of the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches, which had met in Whitby in August 1950, that Dr. Rajah Manikam should be appointed for a three-year period as Joint Secretary in Asia from the first of April, 1951.

e. It was AGREED to create a Staff Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee consisting of Dr. Franklin C. Fry as Chairman, Dr. Boegner, Dr. Grubb and Dr. Koechlin.

f. After considerable discussion, for part of which the staff members were absent, it was

AGREED that no new post of Administrative Secretary should be created for the time being, but that Mr. Frank Northam be asked to undertake certain administrative duties in the total framework of the World Council in order to relieve the General Secretary, and that further assistance should be secured for Mr. Northam in his own Department. The nature of these duties would be worked out with the General Secretary in consultation with the Staff Sub-Committee.

It was further AGREED to propose to the Central Committee that the name of the Department of Finance and Business should be changed to Department of Finance and Administration.

g. It was AGREED to record the appreciation of the Executive Committee for the fine work carried on by Mr. Alan Braley in the resettlement of Displaced Persons. Mr. Braley had been a member of the field staff of the Service to Refugees, but his work had been carried out from Geneva, and had been very much appreciated by all his colleagues as well as by many hundreds of Displaced Persons and other refugees.

22. Finance

Dr. Fry presented the report of the Finance Sub-Committee.

a. Authorisation of Officers to sign in the name of the World Council

The Sub-Committee had made a preliminary study of proposals governing the authorisation of officers to sign in the name of the World Council of Churches, and would submit this document, together with several comments and an additional proposal, to the Finance Committee as a whole.

b. Salaries

The Sub-Committee had also made a preliminary study of the report of the Ad Hoc Headquarters Salaries Committee which was appointed at Bièvres and would recommend several changes for the consideration of the Finance Committee when the full committee considered this document.

Principal Taylor stated that in his judgement the proposals were reasonable, but pointed out that they would have to be reviewed against the general financial background. They involved total additional expenditure of $15,000 per annum, and he felt that some corresponding economy would have to be found.

At the recommendation of the Finance Sub-Committee the Executive Committee AGREED

(i) That subject to the later adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Headquarters Salaries Committee by the Central Committee, approval be given for the payment of fares for home leave in England for one employee of the World Council and his family (the name to be supplied to the General Secretary) in accordance with section (a) (vi) of that report.

(ii) That subject to the later adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Headquarters Salaries Committee by the Central Committee, approval be given for the granting of a dependent's allowance in the specified amount to one employee of the World Council (the name to be supplied to the General Secretary) in accordance with section (a) (vii) of the same document.

(iii) That in consideration of his long service to the W.C.C. and its predecessor organisations, a grant of salary for two additional months be made to M. Henri-Louis Henriod, who resigned from the World Council staff as of July 31st, 1951.

(iv) That the salaries of three members of the Secretarial staff of the World Council be increased by Fr.100.- per month to eliminate previously existing discrepancies in compensation.

Dr. Fry reported that the Sub-Committee had approved final financial arrangements with former Associate General Secretary, Bishop Stephen Neill, who resigned as of June 30th, 1951.

c. Report from the British Council of Churches

The Sub-Committee had given preliminary study to a communication from the British Council of Churches regarding the budget contributions of the member Churches of the World Council in the United Kingdom for 1951 and the years just ahead. Inasmuch as this document raised several fundamental questions concerning the organisation and current decisions of the W.C.C., the Finance Sub-Committee asked for permission to place this communication in the hands of the sub-committees on Re-appraisal and the Second Assembly at the forthcoming meeting of the Central Committee. Dr. Sisco suggested that it might be better if joint meetings of each of these two Committees with the Finance Committee could be arranged. It was

AGREED that Dr. Fry should discuss this suggestion with the Chairmen of the other two Committees.

d. Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees

In accordance with the action of the Central Committee at Toronto in 1950 (pp. 44-45) the Sub-Committee had examined a report of the expenditures to June 30th, 1951, in comparison with the several budgets, in connection with the service programmes of the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees and had found that, according to present reasonable expectations, all of these service programmes would be operated within income in 1951.

The Sub-Committee had considered the tentatively suggested service programme budgets of the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees for 1952 totalling $650,000. At the recommendation of the Finance Sub-Committee, it was AGREED:

(i) that tentative approval be given to the provisional suggested Service Programme budget of the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees for 1952, totalling $650,000;

(ii) that it should be recommended to the Central Committee that the resolutions governing the control of the budgets of the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees adopted at Toronto (pp. 44-45) be re-adopted for the year 1952.